

B. Amendments to the Claims

The following is a complete listing of the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and listings.

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) An aqueous odor controlling bacterial composition comprising:

a bacterium capable of forming a spore, which can become active when exposed to an odor-causing organic material and which, upon activation, is capable of digesting said odor-causing organic material; and

an adhering agent in an amount sufficient to adhere said bacterium to a surface upon application of said composition thereto and to allow said bacterium to remain adhered to said surface, ~~which said aqueous composition can be applied to a surface of a product, resulting in said bacterium being adhered to said surface by said adhering agent~~ such that said bacterium can be exposed to said odor-causing organic material and become active.

34. (Currently Amended) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein said adhering agent is at least one selected from the group consisting of a fluorochemical, a stain blocker, an acrylic ~~polymer~~ co-polymer, a styrene butadiene rubber, a nitrile rubber and a polyvinyl chloride.

35. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said adhering agent is said fluorochemical.

36. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said adhering agent is said stain blocker.

37. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 36, wherein said stain blocker is selected from the group consisting of sulfonated phenol formaldehyde condensate polymer, sulfonated naphthol formaldehyde condensate polymer, and hydrolyzed vinyl aromatic maleic anhydride polymer.

38. (Currently Amended) The composition according to Claim 34, wherein said adhering agent is said acrylic ~~polymer~~ co-polymer.

39. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein said adhering agent constitutes between 0.01 wt % and 20 wt % of said composition based upon a total weight of said composition.

40. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 39, wherein said adhering agent constitutes between 0.1 wt % and 15 wt % of said composition.

41. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 40, wherein said adhering agent constitutes between 5 wt % and 10 wt % of said composition.

42. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 33, further comprising at least one odor neutralizing or odor trapping agent.

43. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 42, wherein said odor neutralizing or odor trapping agent is sodium bicarbonate or molecular sieves.

44. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 33, wherein said bacterium is of the genus *Bacillus*.

45. (Previously Presented) The composition according to Claim 44, wherein said bacterium of the genus *Bacillus* is one or more strains selected from the group of bacterial species consisting of *Bacillus megaterium*, *Bacillus pasteurii*, *Bacillus laevolacticus* and *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens*.